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City delivers balanced budget

by Marilyn Phenow

As other East County cities struggle with budget shortfalls, Lemon Grove stands ahead of the pack with a proposed \$6.8 million spending plan that contains no service cuts or deficit spending.

Officials expect a budget surplus of \$33,000 at the end of the 1995-96 fiscal year.

"It's true we could have had an additional \$210,000 added to the \$33,000 in the budget to finance extra expenses for the coming year, but we realized that specific amount was created by one time sources and chances are we would not have that same large amount in order to finance programs and staff that we'd get up and going this year," said Finance Director Christine Taub. "An excess of \$33,000 seemed a much more reasonable figure we could probably head for as a goal for next year, so we banked the one-time revenue and we'll still have enough left to provide increased services for the city without suffering consequences next year."

City Manager Doug Yount told City Council members and staff representatives that the numbers are adding up thanks to the additional revenues that have been pro-

vided to the city by new businesses such as Home Depot and Bob Baker Toyota.

In 1995, \$2,199,000 was accumulated in sales tax with the opening of Home Depot. In 1996, an additional \$126,000 will be generated thanks to business newcomer Bob Baker Toyota.

Property taxes will total \$1.5 million, the second largest source of revenue for the city. Not all revenues will increase this year as compared to last. Development fees for last year totaled \$175,000 and are budgeted to decrease by \$13,000. Yount said the decrease is a result of the drop in residential and commercial construction of buildings. In addition, Transient Occupation tax revenues are expected to decrease by \$10,000. If the National 9 Inn is converted into apartments, it is estimated the city will lose approximately \$13,000 in TOT revenues. Offsetting this decline is a 36 percent increase in rents and lease revenue funds. Last year \$124,000 was budgeted, however, this year an additional \$71,000 is included.

"We are gambling on this one," said Yount. "A CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) could pay for Mesa Valley Grove Nutrition Senior Center services

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Many find road back from homelessness is a rugged path

by Howard Owens

Talk about being scared straight.

One night last January, Doug Hansen laid down for another night of drunken slumber under a highway overpass.

He was awakened by the baritone blare of a train's Klaxon. His first thought was, I'm sleeping on the train track. He sprang to his feet and jumped.

"Thank God I jumped to the left and not to the right," Hansen says.

If Hansen had jumped to his right, he would have been crushed, because he wasn't sleeping on them to begin with.

The near-death experience frightened him. It convinced him that he wasn't doing enough to overcome his alcoholism. In the midst of his third bout of homelessness, Hansen found Cathy Nolff, a social worker at El Cajon's Crisis House.

Today, six months later, he is living at the St. Vincent de Paul Center downtown, attending drug and alcohol rehabilitation classes, studying at night to earn a certificate in computers and looking forward to a hearing at the end of the month at which he expects to be reunited with his six-year-old son.

At a workshop on homelessness in La Mesa last week, Hansen held the audience spellbound with his story of hardship and hard work.

He was there the request of Nolff, who said he is one of the true success stories. He is proof that there are ways to return homeless people to the mainstream. But in some ways, Hansen is an exceptional case, Nolff says.

Getting people off the street and in permanent shelters is hard work, made harder by legal constrictions on social workers.



Doug Hansen, who as recently as January was homeless, inspects a camp under a local freeway overpass.

Less than half of those who are homeless are able to succeed when they first take steps to rejoin the mainstream. Nolff puts the number at about one of 10.

Sharon Shipinski, program director for Volunteers of America, estimates the number is higher, but most of her clients are families. It's easier to get a family off the street than it is a single male, she said.

Both Nolff and Shipinski expressed frustration with a system that seems to encourage homeless people to remain homeless.

It takes a great deal of self-motivation — such as Hansen has — to get off of drugs and alcohol and take a permanent job.

Government programs and state and federal law undercut self-motivation.

Social workers can't encourage self-motivation when clients can come and go as they please and spend their welfare checks however they want.

It's just too easy to be homeless, Nolff says. It's too easy to go from one social service agency to the next drawing on whatever assistance is available.

If a client comes to her and claims to be penniless and hopeless, she has no way of finding out if that client is drawing assistance from another agency.

The VOA runs a structured program, according to Shipinski. Clients are required to obey rules and do chores. If the rules become too burdensome, a client can head down to the welfare office, claim to have no shelter and be in a hotel room that night. The welfare office can't check with VOA,

and Shipinski can't notify the county that the client does indeed have a place to stay.

When Hansen, 38, hit bottom, he was spending all of his money on alcohol. His only income was government payments that were supposed to provide shelter and food for his boy. Even after they lost their apartment, Hansen continued to drink up the Aid to Families with Dependent Children money. Hansen and the boy lived together on the street in various locations throughout El Cajon.

"AFDC is like a life preserver that doesn't float," Hansen says. "That's why they (the government) should pay rent directly, and pay the utilities and there should be an allotment that goes to the schools to make sure the kids get breakfast and lunch, and only the remainder should go to the parent."

Civil libertarians howl at such a notion, according to Nolff. It violates people's rights to spend their own money however they please.

"Human rights advocates say we have to give these people their freedom," Nolff says. "We have given them their freedom, but we haven't given them the responsibility that goes with it."

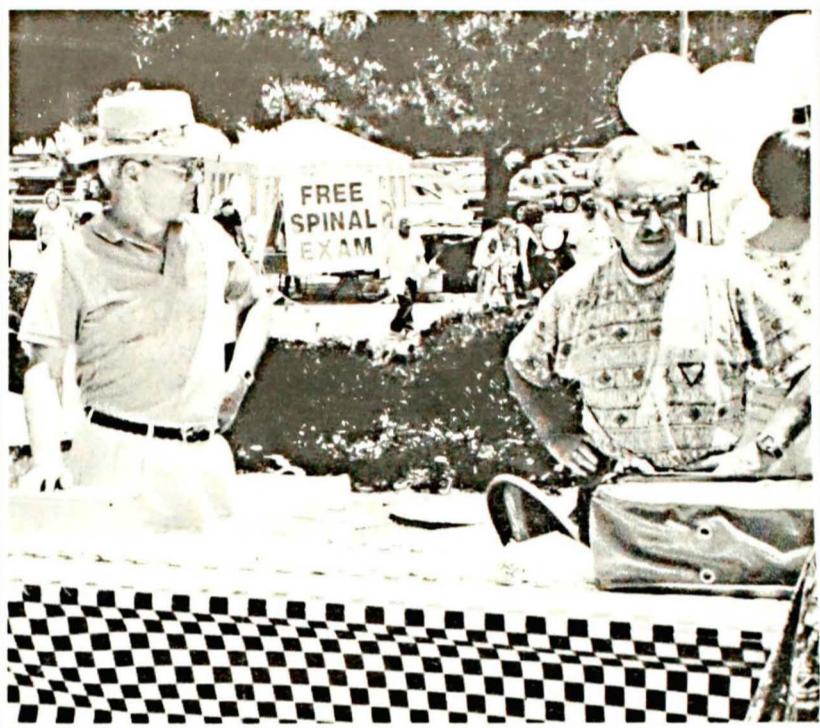
But the American Civil Liberties Union has no position on the issue of giving rent vouchers to people, according to Frank Warlick, spokesman for the ACLU.

He also said the ACLU sees no reason why social service agencies can't exchange client lists.

"They don't give up their rights to privacy (on confidential information) simply because they are homeless, but I don't know why they (agencies) can't exchange client lists," Warlick said. "We've never really

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Fab 50s return



Clarence Kaufman, left, and Ralph Mitchell staff a food booth at Mesa Valley Grove's Oldies but Goodies Car Show and Craft Sale on Sunday in the Rancho San Diego Village Shopping Center. Proceeds benefited Mesa Valley Grove's senior programs.

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Mt. Miguel *El Trovador* News Briefs

At the El Trovador and Reflections Awards banquet, held on June 6, the following awards were presented: El Trovador Awards: Best News-Story Tim Kazules, Best Features Story-Nick Hedstrom, Best Sports Story-Nick Johns, Best Editorial-Heather Floyd, Best Photograph-Diana Julian, Best Caption-Heather Floyd, Best Headline-Jennifer Acosta, and Best Artwork-Peter Nuncio. Reflection '95 Awards: Best Poem-"The Moon" by John McKibon, 2nd place-"The Dreamcatcher" by Veronica Jaime, 3rd place-"I Must Let Go" by Noel Saullo; Best Prose-"Heaven" by Sarah Reeder, 2nd place-"Jesse and the Man" by Joel Richey, 3rd place-"The Mountain" by Jimmy Hawkins; Best Photo-Tonya Huntimer, 2nd place-Andre Piligrino, 3rd place-Edward Agunos; Best Overall Writer-Marshall Emerson, 2nd place-Josh Burkett, 3rd place-Elizabeth Hawkins.

At the Senior Awards Ceremony held last Thursday among the many honors given were the following: Principal's Accolades-Heather Floyd, Simon Hill, Tim Kazules, Brian Ramos, Brian Tabinga, and Tina Vrbinar; Principal's Letters of Commendation-Janet Brennon, Lila Brooks, Manuel Cardona, Shatara Curtis, Dan Daly, Melanie Espanola, Elizabeth Hawkins, Louis Juynh, Elizabeth Jones, Adam Olow, Amber Schmidtmann, and Dara Weiner; Four Years Perfect Attendance-Maria Carino, Dickson Cho, Dan Daly, and Tricia Morgan; and receiving Admission to the U. S. Naval Academy-Eric Long and Brian Tabinga.

Business teacher Dave Phillips will be the only teacher retiring this year, after 35 years of work at Mount Miguel. After retirement he will be learning how to make furniture at Mesa College. In the next couple of years he and his wife will be going to Eastern Europe to visit Poland and Hungary.

The California Scholarship Federation Club, CSF, presented awards to its members of the senior class for the year of 1994-1995. Awards were given to: Life members, Janet Brennon, Susan Chien, Dickson Cho, Heather Floyd, Romalyn Golacgac, Simon Hill, Cristina Hunyadi, Elizabeth Jones, Tim Kazules, Angela Minaca, Eric Nichols, Wendel Denetrante, Zach Radar, Brian Ramos, Nicole Rose, Brian Tabinga, Tracy Tufaga, Tina Vrbinar, and Dustin Wynn. 100% members: Dickson Cho, Cristina Hunyadi, Elizabeth Jones, Tim Kazules, Eric Nichols, Brian Ramos, Brian Tabinga, Tracy Tufaga, and Dustin Wynn. The CSF individual scholarships were given to Nicole Rose and Tim Kazules.

The Choir Award for Golden Voice was given to Kay Marie Johns. Mixed Ensemble Awards went to: James Haith (Bass), Amy Wilson (Tenor), Michelle Edgil (Alto), and Kay Marie Johns (Soprano.) In Ladies Chorus the awards were: Renee Alden (Alto), Melissa Child (Soprano II), Aimee Owens (Soprano I), Most Dedicated-Josephine D'Amato, Most Spirited-Monica Messina, and Most Inspirational-Leishau McAllister.

Farewells are given from the following groups: Human Relations Club-"Thank you to everyone who participated in the club and an invitation to return in the fall. New members are always welcome." Mme. Olivia Dorman and the French Club-"A bientot, escargot!". Reflections '95 Advisor Patricia Curtis-"Best Wishes to all the talented students who participated in this year's blockbuster publication." The El Trovador Senior Staff and Cub Staff-"Good bye to our readers of the 94-95 school year. Have a good summer."

The El Trovador newspaper staff for 1995-96 welcome Artist David Brooks who will be joining the team next fall, and Leslie Gonzales who will come on board as the Assistant Business Manager.

El Cajon CASA Youth Leadership is holding a casting call for their newest production entitle "Addict" on Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 120 Rea Ave. in El Cajon. Further information may be obtained by calling 442-2727.

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WEATHER

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	High	Low
June 6	72	57
June 7	68	58
June 8	69	52
June 9	75	52
June 10	85	55
June 11	88	55
June 12	87	54

Precipitation this year-to-date: 21.38"; Last year-to-date: 11.57".

Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100

Incorporated: 1977

Area: 3.75 sq. mi.

Median income: \$34,399

Mayor: Bob Burns

Council: Thomas Clabby

Craig Lake

Dwight Shelley

Mary Teresa Sesson

City Manager: Doug Yount

Planning Director: Jim Butler

Public Works Director: Les Ruh

Attorney: Gloria McLean

City Clerk: Christine Taub

Sheriff's Capt.: William Flores

Fire Chief: William Wright

Congressional district:

52nd - Duncan Hunter

State Senate district:

40th - Steve Peace

State Assembly district:

77th - Steve Baldwin

Supervisorial district:

2nd - Dianne Jacob

1993 taxable sales: \$1.47 million

Libraries: 1

Post offices: 1

Parks: 4

Recreation centers: 1

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June 2, 1995 through June 8, 1995

1800 blk. Madera St. Non breather.

8000 blk. Canton Dr. Difficulty breathing.

2200 blk. Main St. Head injury.

2200 blk. Main St. Bleeding.

8200 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.

3200 blk. Olive St. Medical aid.

3200 blk. Sweetwater Rd. Rollover TC.

Hwy 94 WB/Broadway. Freeway/accident/rescue.

6900 blk Central Ave. Reaction to medication.

6900 blk. Central Ave. Suicide/attempted suicide.

Hwy 94 EB/Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle accident.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Difficulty breathing.

2800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.

2400 blk. Skyline Dr. Possible Heart.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Difficulty breathing.

2200 blk. Odessa Ct. Difficulty breathing.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial/industrial fire.

7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Fall.

7500 blk. Canton Dr. Ring removal.

3200 blk. New Jersey Ave. Fall.

8300 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.

7700 blk. Broadway. Slumped over the wheel.

8000 blk. Palm St. Back pain.

7200 blk. Central Ave. Choking victim.

7100 blk. West View Pl. Seizure.

Broadway/Sweetwater Rd. Traffic accident.

Sheriff's Dept. Log

June 2, 1995

2800 blk. Washington St. Battery, victim was pushed.

June 3, 1995

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Marine Battery. \$89.42 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Attempted purse snatching.

8000 blk. Alton Dr. Auto theft. '86 Toyota. \$300 value.

June 5, 1995

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Residential burglary

. CDsX138/TVs/VC. \$4,388.26 value.

1800 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Residential burglary. Fax/phone/radio

. \$429 value.

June 5-6, 1995

7900 blk. Lester Ave. Attempted commercial burglary.

8300 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Mountain bike. \$160 value.

June 6, 1995

6900 blk. North St. Auto theft. Trailer. \$700 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. '71 Ford Pickup. \$1,000 value.

1700 blk. San Altos Pl. Vehicle Burglary. Bullets, .45/.38. \$60 value.

June 6-7, 1995

7400 blk. Daytona St. Residential burglary. Lawn mower. \$250 value.

7900 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Attempted vehicle Burglary.

June 7, 1995

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Residential burglary.

Radio/TV/VCR/JE. \$1,870 value.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Residential burglary. VCR X4/Cameras. \$2,314 value.

June 7-8, 1995

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Commercial burglary. Engine and stand \$833 value.

7400 blk. Broadway. Attempted commercial burglary.

June 8, 1995

3200 blk. Main St. Auto theft. '94 Chev. Van. \$18,000 value.

8500 blk. Golden Ave. Vehicle Burglary. Nail guns, staple. \$1,050 value.

June 8-9, 1995

8400 blk. Grove St. Petty theft. Carburetor. \$300 value.

3500 blk. Grove St. Residential burglary. Purse, CC, ID, Key. \$37 value.

June 9, 1995

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Residential burglary. TV, VCR, CAMC, V.G. \$2,490 value.

7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Auto theft. '81 Plymouth. \$500 value.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Auto theft. '88 Hyun. Ex. \$2,500 value.

1800 blk. Washington St. Auto theft. '82 Mazda. \$300 value.

June 10, 1995

8100 blk. Palm St. Auto theft. '80 Buick. \$3,000 value.

June 12, 1995

3500 blk. Grove St. Residential burglary. Telephone. \$50 value.

3500 blk. Grove St. Residential burglary. CDs, ring. \$600 value.

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Budget

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including their rent. For years, the city has been discounting the rent, now the city can charge full cost and not get hit so bad."

Transfer funds will provide 17 percent of the resources (\$1.13 million) to the general budget fund. Transfer gas tax funds of \$540,000 is the largest contributor in transfer funds, and most of this money will be allotted to improvement street and maintenance projects.

Expenditures for fiscal year 1995-96 include the following areas: law enforcement \$2,349,000, fire department \$1,587,000, public works \$930,000, community development \$388,000, recreation \$386,000 and non departmental expenses \$222,000. Departmental expenditures include the following: city manager \$346,000, finance city clerk \$228,000, city attorney \$92,000, and city council \$61,000.

Law enforcement expenditures constitute 36 percent of the proposed \$6.5 general fund expenditures. It is estimated that

\$2.3 million will total departmental expenses. The sheriffs contract with the county is estimated at \$2,228,607, a 13 percent increase compared to last year. The adjustments are a result of hidden costs passed through to the city by the county through a beat increase factor and retirement benefits.

The beat refers to the percentage of calls patrols responded to outside the city in the unincorporated areas.

"The beat factor is an adjustment to the overall price the city pays for each unit contracted," said Capt. Bill Flores. For 1994, the beat factor was 100 percent in Lemon Grove, meaning there were no calls outside the city for deputies assigned to Lemon Grove."

In previous years, the beat factor for Lemon Grove has fluctuated from 89 to 91 percent. Flores said that in essence the city is getting what they contracted without getting the "assumed discount."

"The county and Deputy Sheriff's

Association negotiate the retirement funds, and if the contribution that the county pays goes up, that cost will be absorbed by the city for units contracted for the year. Flores also speculated that negotiations for the renewal of the contract in October of this year could also reflect an adjustment.

Approximately \$1.6 million is projected in operating expenses for the fire department. The largest expense is salaries and benefits totaling 1,088,134, for a staff of 23 individuals including eight firefighters and six engineers. Salary expenses was down by \$11,000 compared to last year's budget. Fire operating equipment is to be funded by internal service funds outside the general fund.

Approximately \$23,000 of the \$414,000 internal service funds will buy much needed breathing apparatus, carbon monoxide detector, and computer and software.

There are nine service level needs and potential budget adjustments that have not been included in the budget that could

have a net fiscal impact of \$226,000.

"How do you take what's left over, \$33,000, and spread it out to cover needs of \$226,000," asked Yount to city council members and city staff heads. "I want you to think about it, and come back with suggestions next Tuesday at the meeting."

Included in the potential budget adjustments for programs are some of the following: a salary increase for all employees of 3 percent, increase in funding for Recreation for Teens with a Cause future programs, and Youth Sports Tournament Programs, an engineering technician for Public Works, a code enforcement planning technician for Community Development, an infrastructure ground maintenance worker, and two community problem-oriented policing deputies that will handle community problems on several levels removing some operation burden for the department.

The proposed budget met with little council resistance.

B Words

Neighbors

Recently I have been told that there is a situation of animosity and inimical feeling between the city of Lemon Grove and the community of Spring Valley. This is very disturbing. Having lived in Lemon Grove these past forty years, I must say that I have never known of such. Back in 1955 we were both trying very hard, with little success to get needed services from the County and had already experienced one failed incorporation election. The sales taxes, property taxes, cigarette, etc. was substantial, but it went into the County coffers and was spent elsewhere.

The business centers of Casa de Oro and others in Spring Valley suffered the same fate and we were soulmates together in being shortchanged. We tried again and on the fourth try, in 1977, we won our independence after a long, costly and disappointing fight to be a city. Within days, after the ballot, the new city fathers were asked to come to Spring Valley and tell them how we did it. Most all of the new city council attended a meeting and gave them the information.

The rules for incorporating at that time were vastly different than they are now, which probably is why more communities have not done so. At the time, I recall hearing Dick Brown who was then a county supervisor, stating that "the county wanted to get out of the service business" and was thus encouraging incorporations. I asked him why would we need county government if they did not provide the services of police, fire, etc.? His answer was vague as I recall. The assumption of control over the tax monies by a city just removes it from county revenues that they can spend over the entire county, as they had been doing. Over the years Lemon Grove has spent millions in our

Personal comments by Mayor Bob Burns

own 3.75 square miles that before went all over the county of San Diego. This dent in their revenue stream must have been significant because soon the rules changed to make it almost impossible for places like Spring Valley to incorporate, which it hasn't.

Over the years, we have been very good neighbors with Spring Valley, in my opinion. We shop in the restaurants, K-Mart, and many others in Casa de Oro and elsewhere. I loved the Star Lumber Co., Gaetanos Pizza, and we often danced the night away at the Ox Bow Inn. I don't believe that we have ever been strictly "buy Lemon Grove only" people. Competition is healthy and Spring Valley has always offered it to our town, with the proper responses.

When Spring Valley wanted to cover the ditch in Brookside, I believe that we supported it. We contributed money to build the swimming pool at Mt. Miguel which is outside our city, and we do support the state Route 125 extension. We have not held any animosity or rancor toward our neighbor to the east, and anyone who purports this idea is full of beans, for want of a better word.

My personal feeling is that if there is any pent-up fury or unhappiness between these two communities that it is a spin-off from anger with the county, and possibly a jealous feeling in that we took control of our destiny and Spring Valley has not yet been able to do so. I say, that if Spring Valley wants to attain the progress and sovereignty that gives that control, then they should incorporate at all costs.

The facts are clear as to the two ramps that are not going to occur at the Troy Street/Sweetwater intersection. The additional traffic will endanger our children at the two schools adjacent, and overload our city's thoroughfares. With the news that 41 will be

fired from Caltrans in their downsizing, why would they spend millions on a ramp that is not needed, not wanted, and one that would create tremendous liability in its impacts.

Please, let us not be clouded by innuendos and witch hunts regarding feuds, and pejorative rumors. We are neighbors and

have always been friendly. Don't let selfish business interests and heavy-handed politics dictate to the residents of the Troy/Bancroft area that theirs is the only consideration, and paramount over all others.

Lemon Grove fought hard for its "independence" and we will exercise our rights to preserve

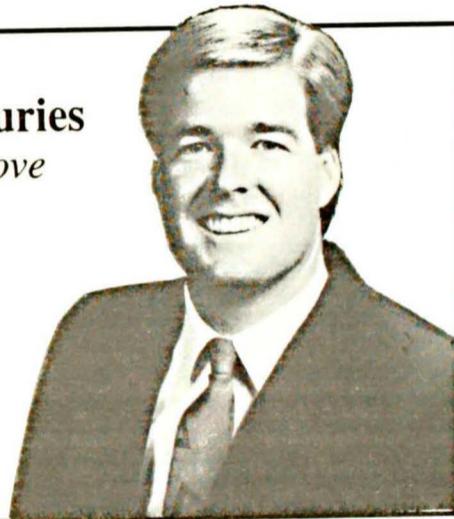
what is best for our citizens. We are part of the region, it is true, but that does not mean that we must accede to selfish interests that are contrary to our goals and vision for our city.

If I do nothing more in my tenure as Mayor, I would hope that we can stand firm and unified in opposition to these ramps.

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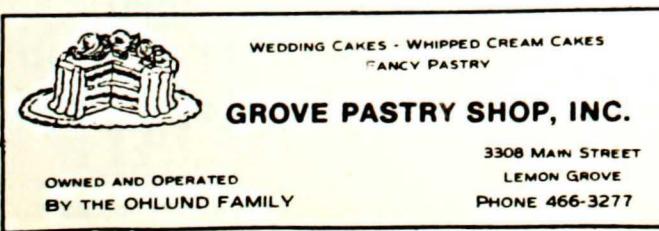
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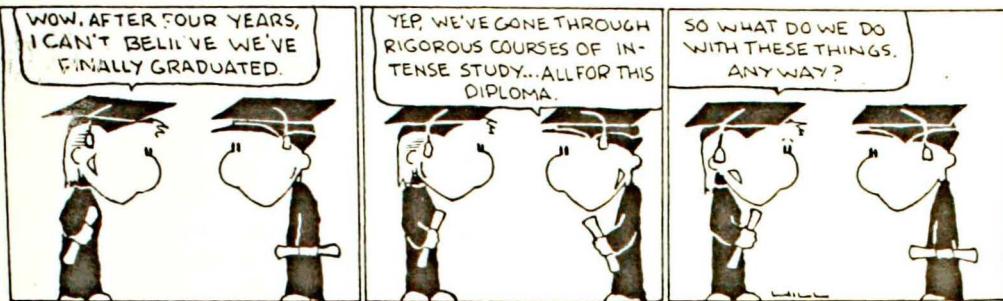
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From the Teenage Files



by Simon Hill

Commentary

by Paul Treske

I know I have written about fatherhood before. Having been a father for 37 years and now a grandfather as well, it is a subject within which I have been much immersed. But this Sunday being once again the day on which dear old Dad is taken out to brunch by the family and perhaps given a tie or two, I feel impelled to comment on the subject again.

Much has been written about fatherhood lately by many disparate sources. Liberal sociologists who earlier hailed the women's movement by, with somewhat tortured logic, agreeing with the more militant that kids could be easily and successfully raised without a father around, are now back tracking and again emphasizing the need for two good parents.

Political conservatives, eager to blast away at previous decades of relative liberalism, chant family values, family values, family values and praise good solid fatherhood. Even the White House agrees and seems to have become suddenly aware, along with Congress, that "dead-beat" dads are a threat to our national soul as well as our economy.

Well, having never for a moment doubted the absolute necessity of a good, strong father in the family, I welcome them all back into the fold while at the same time retaining some reservations as to their motivations.

I have enjoyed mightily being a father and grandfather while at the same time recognizing that the role of father has, at times, been extremely difficult. To come home from the workplace still reeling from frustration, defeat and self-doubt and be met at the door with demands for time, attention and decision-making – and carrying it off well – is something of a high-wire feat. To be looked upon as all-powerful and all-omnipotent while knowing in your heart that you are light years short of that is a powerful test of

Father's Day 1995

anyone's ego. And to make judgements of a child's maturity that entail potential danger can be literally heart-stopping.

But the good father does this and more. He walks the tightrope between his ambitions for his children and the limits of their abilities and interests. He must learn to forgive and forget dreadful things said to him by angry and defiant teens testing the limits of their growth. He must learn to let go when the time is right and never whine or recriminate. And, through it all he must maintain the outward and dignity and cool that is expected of "Father."

In the 1990s, all of the above is the role of parent, both mother and father, for these days less than 17 percent of all American households feature the working father and the stay-at-home mother. Both parents must do all of the above plus working closely with the child's education, make family decisions regarding religious belief, etc. etc. etc.

Fathers are seldom portrayed today on TV the way they once were. In past years we were seen as foolish, bumbling, indecisive and easily conned by others in the family. We still see a little of that, but increasingly fathers are portrayed as real human beings with intelligence, patience, strength and compassion. I, personally, welcome back the "real" dad on the tube.

The role of parent is now much harder with today's family trying to survive without the available global family I grew up in. The world is changing at a more rapid pace and our child-rearing defenses seem slimmer than ever before. Therefore, I hail and praise today's fathers AND mothers who continue to do the job that gives their child the chance to successfully wend his/her way through the snags that lie ahead. It is surely the world's most difficult occupation.

THE EAGLE EYE



Republicans are just as bad as Willie Brown

by Steven Saint

For the last six months, the California State Assembly has conducted a wonderful experiment in bipartisan governance. The committees are divided between the two major parties. Committees have equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans. Each party controls committee appointments, not some despotic almighty speaker.

This experiment stands in stark contrast to the winner-take-all spoils system under which Willie Brown and the Democrats dominated the Assembly for years. The Democrats used to control all the committees and Brown called all the shots. Republican Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith recalls watching Brown pull a Democrat off a committee in mid-hearing when it seemed she might be sympathetic to the Republican cause of the moment.

Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans wanted this new bipartisan structure. They hammered it out only after hitting a deadlock over the choice of speaker. The Republicans had won a majority of seats in the Assembly, but couldn't get a majority vote for Jim Brulte, an extremist thug second only to Brown himself.

A moderate Republican, such as Doris Allen, who was elected speaker last month, could have been elected at the beginning of the session. But Brulte, a right-wing ideologue, coveted the seat and forced the deadlock. Republican Assemblyman Paul Horcher renounced his party and voted for Brown.

The byproduct of this comedy of egos was the bipartisan structure, which the Republicans would gleefully smash at first opportunity in favor of a winner-take-all spoils system in which they could dominate the Assembly. Goldsmith, who has played watchdog for the Republicans lest Brown revert to his despot-speaker ways, says he thinks the Republicans (or whatever party gets 50 percent-plus one) should dominate the Assembly, but the speaker shouldn't.

Goldsmith's rhetoric is nice, but I have to wonder. The Republicans launched a recall election against Horcher. This was not a legitimate use of the recall process – a people's movement to remove an unethical or malfeasant official. This was a political assassination: the Republicans wanted someone who would vote for Brulte and they came in from outside to use recall for political purposes. Goldsmith and Assemblyman Steve Baldwin both bused people to Los Angeles to walk precincts against Horcher.

Now the Republicans want to assassinate Doris Allen. There's more talk of recall. Allen has committed no crime or malfeasance. She just won't say "Yes, sir." If the Republicans want to show they're better than Willie Brown, they should support Allen, drop talk of recall and get on with business.

Letters to the Editor

Did you read your mail?

The Grossmont Union High School District is proposing to form an assessment district under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, which is exempt from Prop. 13. This assessment district will tax property owners to make up a budget short fall for the athletic departments of 10 high schools.

Fifty percent of the property owners must object or the assessment district will become a permanent taxing agency with the power to levy or raise taxes at will. This ability to raise taxes is stated in one line of the notice. "Said assessment(s) will remain the same UNTIL FURTHER MAILED NOTICE IS GIVEN."

The voters will have no control over this assessment district. Anytime there is a budget shortfall, the District Governing Board will have the power to add or raise taxes.

Property owners should mail written protests against the assessment district to Clerk of the Governing Board, Grossmont Union High School District, P.O. Box 1043, La Mesa, CA. 991944-1043. Just write: "I object to the formation of Assessment District 95-1 as authorized by the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972." List your name, address and phone number. Property owner objections must be to the governing board before June 30!

The board didn't allow much time for objections since the notices were sent near the end of May and the fiscal year ends June 30.

Two hearings will be held. June 22 and

July 6 at 6 p.m. Both in the Board Room/Cafeteria at Grossmont High School, 1100 Murray Dr., El Cajon.

In the notice about the assessment district sent to each property owner was a list of the items for which the money is to be used. If you can't find your notice and list, a partial list of the items are:

- \$57,000 for installation of wind screens for school tennis courts and swimming pools
- \$28,000 for pool covers
- \$25,000 for pool filter
- \$40,000 for pool resurfacing
- \$50,000 for security lighting
- \$10,000 for sidewalks
- \$75,000 for traffic signal
- \$30,000 to install wells
- \$250,000 for field rest rooms
- \$50,000 for engineering/inspection fees
- \$250,000 for utilities
- \$25,000 for utility monitoring equipment
- \$50,000 for ADA compliance
- \$20,700 for community service overtime
- \$25,000 for administration

Under incidentals are listed: \$30,000 for engineering; \$15,000 for legal counsel; \$8,763 for county processing charge; \$48,022.26 for printing/publishing notice.

VANBURT L. INGRAHAM
La Mesa

If Howard Jarvis were here today and saw what the Grossmont Union School District is pulling on Assessment District 95-1, he'd be "mad as hell." Proposition 13, which a majority of voters endorsed,

stopped assessments on our property tax without a two-thirds voter approval.

I am also "mad as hell" that an assessment on our property tax would be imposed ignoring the yearly mandated increase formula. It seems devious to me to require only a response from the residents opposed to the amendment and without 50 percent or more responding to conclude the measure approved. Why not require those who approve of the measure to respond, so that a fair estimation of the pros and cons can be determined?

By what authority do elected officials determine a unique voting procedure?

Tampering with Proposition 13 and tampering with freedom of expression is reprehensible.

Proposition 13 must be defended and our tradition of a pro or con voting system is inviolable.

TED GOODELL
La Mesa

Scientists wouldn't shoot cougars

I am a local citizen who has been studying and following the cougar situation for a few years now. The proposal to reinstate the hunting season on them is scientifically unsound, as predators react much differently to these pressures as do prey animals.

Cougars do self-limit their own number through their own territoriality. Recent studies are showing that the hunt is backfiring. There are many biological factors that explain why.

I think it is a mistake to mindlessly, think without a shred of evidence to back it up, that hunting cougars will make humans safer, in fact attacks and livestock attack are higher in areas where they are hunted.

KELLY COWAN
Spring Valley

What's left?

In an America where people are increasingly vilified as out of touch "bleeding-heart liberals," or stereotyped as wacky, mean-spirited "radical right conservatives," is there any room at all for those of us who consider ourselves "moderate, compassionate Americans"?

Or am I the only one left?

CINDY WINSLOW
Jamul

Do you have a different opinion?

Send us a letter or editorial column

TODAY!

Things To Do!

Blame fear, not Pearl Jam

by Steven Saint

Pearl Jam has canceled its show this weekend at the Del Mar Fair and some 26,000 fans may have to line up again for refunds. The band is blaming the Sheriff's Department for saying it could not guarantee the band's safety. The sheriffs counter it was the band, not they, who cancelled the show.

The truth is, rumor and innuendo are to blame. Some people are still afraid of rock music.

Cancelling shows because people are afraid is nothing new to Pearl Jam lead singer Eddie Vedder, a denizen of La Mesa prior to his fortuitous move to Seattle. The story seems to repeat itself - the names of the bands and the venues change, the fear remains the same.

It was 1990. Eddie was in a band called Bad Radio, I was in Club of Rome. We both belonged to a ragtag network of socially-concerned bands calling ourselves Musicians Who Care. We played lots of benefits because we believed in the causes and you can't make any money playing your original material anyway.

Students at Grossmont College were sponsoring a series of events to raise awareness and cash for endangered rainforests. It was an election year and there was a ballot measure to ban clear-cutting in the California redwoods. Campus radio manager Mike Aitken and others booked Eddie and I to play a benefit at the East County Performing Arts Center in El Cajon. The headlining act was the Beat Farmers.

Right in the middle of advertising the date and selling tickets, word came down that the ECPAC board would not allow a rock concert in their facility after all.

ECPAC is for cultural events, they told Aitken, not rock music. The Beat Farmers have a nasty reputation and their fans will probably demolish the theater. Rainforest MusicFest 90 was canceled.

Fear of rock would come again to haunt Eddie and I in 1993. Things had changed: Eddie had become a superstar. I had not, but I kept in touch with him.

"Like many things we're involved with, it gets blown out of proportion."

- Eddie Vedder

When I saw in the papers that the band would be playing in San Diego, I faxed Eddie a proposal to do a simple benefit for Prop. C.

I proposed a reception at San Diego State's Backdoor, with \$5 tickets sold only to kids in ecology clubs or other activist groups. All Eddie had to do was show up.

Pearl Jam's management wasn't optimistic, but the next week, Eddie called me from a hotel in Northern California. The band was planning a secret show in San Diego and he invited me to join the team putting it together.

A local promoter who put on early Pearl Jam shows in San Diego and Tijuana handled the logistics. He booked a 400-seat theater in Encinitas and ordered sound, lights, ticket printing and security. My job was to get the tickets to activist kids.

Rumors had a jump on us. One newspaper mentioned the show but withheld the date and place.

"We did one of these secret shows in Santa Cruz and had 500 people inside with 800 people waiting around outside," Eddie

told me. "It can get crazy, with people scalping tickets for like \$200."

He warned me not to say Pearl Jam would be playing the show. Maybe we could use a pseudonym. This was not a show, he said. This was "some people coming down."

Then Harlan, the local promoter, called, pencil in hand. Wednesday's Secret Show would no longer be a fundraiser. To insure the band's safety, he figured he'd have to hire a 20-person security team and erect a barricade between the audience and the stage. The security team would run \$1,300 - 1,400.

That meant \$3.50 of every ticket would cover security. Add sound, lights, ticket printing and other expenses and we would need to charge \$12 to break even, Harlan said.

Eddie wasn't happy about the ticket price. Harlan said he'd heard the show announced on the radio. Apparently radio station promotion directors and managers had been tipped off.

I rushed home to grab Cleveland Forest materials to hand out on the last day before the election. I noticed my message machine blinking. Eddie had left two messages.

"I don't think we're going to do the show," he said. "Twelve dollars is crazy and it's not what the band wanted to do. Like many things we're involved with, it gets blown out of proportion. Sorry."

Two years have passed, but not much has changed. Granted, people get hurt at rock concerts. Some are trampled and even killed. But statistics show the odds are greater that you'll be killed on a freeway driving to the show. When's the last time your safety was guaranteed driving down a city street?

People are afraid of that which they don't understand. I don't understand this attitude, and it scares me. So I guess it must be true.

Reel Brief

'Congo' needs a good laugh

by Betty Jo Tucker

In spite of sophisticated special effects and an emphasis on state-of-the-art technology, "Congo" reminds us of those B-movie adventures from the '30s and '40s. Just like these old films, Paramount Pictures' new action release lacks quality acting and a reasonable plot, but it thrills and entertains us anyway.

Based upon Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, this sometimes exciting movie features a talking gorilla, an erupting volcano, some deadly hippos and a band of killer apes as well as laser beams, computer communications and virtual reality applications.

The plot centers on efforts by primatologist Peter Elliott (Dylan Walsh from "Nobody's Fool") to return his unique gorilla, Amy, to her home in the jungle. Amy, who has learned sign language, appears to talk through use of a virtual reality glove. This technique provides the film with its most intriguing scenes.

An unusual group of people join Elliott and Amy in their expedition to Africa. The group includes a former CIA agent who is now project supervisor for a communications company (Laura Linney), an eccentric European philanthropist (Tim Curry), and a "great white hunter who just happens to be black" (played to the hilt by Ernie Hudson).

With more humor and additional satire, this film could have been as outstanding as "Raiders of the Lost Ark." However, by taking itself too seriously, "Congo" remains just another slightly above average action/adventure flick.

Teens to study field ecology

Junior high and high school students will have the opportunity to explore endangered species habitats in East County foothills on "Ecology Adventure," a weekend educational program offered on June 23 - 25 by the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Teens will spend the first afternoon exploring the museum's behind-the-scenes research area. At the final two half-day meetings, the group will visit East County coastal sage scrub habitats near Dulzura. These habitats are exceptional for their wide diversity of plant and animal species, some of which are endangered.

The group will observe animal behavior firsthand, make hands-on investigations and learn to identify various plants, birds, insects and reptiles.

"They will see how the invasion of people and foreign plants are endangering these habitats and the creatures that live there," said biologist Debbie Kinsinger, the program instructor.

The program is open to students in grades 7 - 12. Cost is \$49 for museum members and \$59 for nonmembers. For further registration information, call 232-3821, ext. 203.

Talk on Indian astronomy set

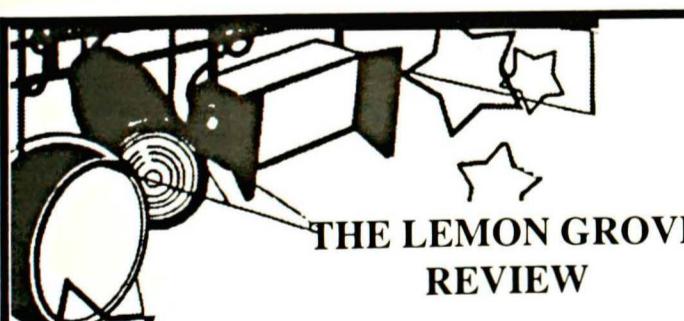
Rock art and observatory sites in East County and northern Baja California reveal some of the ways the ancient Kumeyaay people based their calendar on observations of the sun.

Museum of Man Chief Curator Ken Hedges will discuss how San Diego's prehistoric people used astronomical knowledge, from the incorporation of astronomical themes in myth to basic techniques for keeping track of time.

The slide-illustrated presentation will be held at noon Monday at the museum in Balboa Park. Admission is \$4; members are free. For more information, call 239-2001.

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Briefs

Concert set

A performance of German lieder will be featured at 3:30 p.m. Sunday during at Lemon Grove Congregational Church of Christ, 2770 Glebe Road.

Martha Hamilton, soprano, and Angel Lopez, mezzo soprano, will sing.

A donation is requested.

Poster contest

Every year the Helix Water District participates in Metropolitan Water District's Poster Contest.

This year Helix had 191 posters submitted. It was truly a challenge to only choose 10 finalists. Every year the District

alternates which Helix facility judges the posters with this year the Operations Center serving as judges.

The theme for this year's poster contest was USING WATER WISELY.

The top 10 posters have been submitted to Metropolitan Water District.

Metropolitan chooses 12 of their favorite posters to be featured in their annual poster calendar.

Clubs to meet

California Federation of Women's Clubs, Southern District 26 will meet June 21 in the Community Room of the Mission Trails Mission Park.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Chairmen Donna Roll and Peggy Chilton of the Education Department will report on their chairmanships.

President Lillian Duncan will report on the CFWC Convention held in Glendale. The following awards will be presented:

DISTRICT AWARDS - Betty Poast - Citizenship/Veterans, Holly Nieto - Safety, Kay Stuart - Narrative Membership, Lillian Duncan - Art Fund.

CLUBS - Bostonia Woman's Club - Conservation, Rolando Woman's Club - Membership Medallion Club and Adopt a Teacher, El Cajon Woman's Club - Art Fund and 100 percent Club-

woman Magazine.

Increase in Membership - Sweetwater W.C., La Mesa W.C., Imperial Beach W.C., Friday Club, Bostonia W.C., Coronado W.C., Olivewood LaRueda W.C., San Ysidro W.C., and Las Donas Past President's Club.

INDIVIDUALS - Student Art - Cliff Johnson, High School Photography - 1st place sponsored by Sweetwater W.C., Amy Runyen 10-12 grade Art 5th Place sponsored by W.C. of Lakeside, Jessie Bureaud K-3 Art sponsored by Sweetwater Women's Club.

Kathryn Neil - 3rd in club-woman photography, Lori Alley 3rd in clubwoman photography, Kathryn Neil - 3rd in clubwoman photography, Lori Alley 3rd in

quilting.

Following the meeting, members will tour the Visitor's Center at the Mission Trails Regional Park.

Federated Women's Clubs are open to all women interested in supporting their communities. For more information, call 466-4631 or 425-8498.

There's plenty of time to read the Review

PUBLIC NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL COURTHOUSE 220 W BROADWAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: PAULA THUY LUU

FOR CHANGE OF NAMES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (CCP 1277)

CASE NUMBER: 688387
PETITIONER PAULA THUY LUU HAS FILED A PETITION FOR AN ORDER TO CHANGE NAMES FROM PAULA THUY LUU TO LILLA PAULA LUU

It is ordered that all persons interested in this matter appear before this Court in Department ONE of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on JUL 10 1995 at 9:00 a.m., and show cause, if any they have, why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is further ordered that a copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE be published in the Lemon Grove Review, a newspaper of general circulation published in this county, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing.

DATE: MAY 11, 1995

James R. Milliken
Judge of the Superior Court
Lemon Grove Review
May 25, June 1, 8, & 15, 1995

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

APN No. 480-173-01

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/25/91 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 06/22/95 at 10:00 A.M., Equitable Deed Company, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 06/18/89 as Document No. 89 316113 Book - Page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, executed by Teaching of the Inner Christ Inc., a California Nonprofit Religious Corporation, as Trustee Home Thrift and Loan Association, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) at the Main Entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein. Lots 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block "D" of subdivision No. 3 of Lot 12 of Rancho Mission, in the City of Lemon Grove, County of San Diego, State of California, according to Licensed Surveyor's Map No. 5, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, March 23, 1892 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3150 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945.

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Nolff was incredulous when told of Warlick's comments. She said she has a law book that tells her counsellors are bound by confidentiality laws.

"If a person calls up here, I can't even con-firm or deny if any body has walked into the building," Nolff said. "If the police or the mayor or anybody else calls, I can't say who's walked in the building."

Hansen's downward spiral began twenty years ago. He dropped out of high school after a series of setbacks. In close succession, he had elbow surgery, his mother died and his brother apparently committed suicide.

As a boy, Hansen's main passion was baseball. He was a pretty good pitcher, he thought, and had a shot at a pro career. He grew up in Santa Ana with Gary Templeton, the former San Diego Padres star.

"We knew each other's tendencies pretty well," Hansen recalls. "I either struck him out or he took me deep."

When Hansen blew out his elbow, he was devastated. He turned to drugs and alcohol for solace.

During this time his mother died of cancer. She died in her bed. Hansen wasn't home at the time, and Hansen's father, a retired police officer, refused to go in the room where Mrs.

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Hansen's body lay. Several hours later, Hansen came home and found his mother's body. Rigor mortis had begun, he said.

"I carried the pain of that memory around with me for years," Hansen said. "I blamed my father for that."

When Hansen's brother was found dead — he had apparently hung himself in his jail cell — Hansen suspected the police of killing him with a choke hold. There was no evidence to support his belief, but he held on to it nonetheless.

Hansen is now in therapy. He said he is learning to deal with his past demons.

He is also gaining something that has always been in short supply for him: self-esteem.

"I think my prognosis is good," Hansen said. "I'm happy with the progress I've made. For the first time I've set some goals. I'm very inspired. I'm no longer satisfied to wax cars all day long for beer and pot."

Hansen's story is both typical and unique, according to Nolff. It's typical because he's been defeated by substance abuse. It's unique because for most of his young life, he had a pretty good family.

Substance abuse is a leading cause of homelessness, experts say, and many of the homeless grew up in seriously dysfunctional homes. They were abused

either physically or sexually.

Hard work has never scared Hansen. While he was homeless he would take any job, no matter how menial or low paying. He often walked through local neighborhoods knocking on doors offering to do yard work for \$5 a day.

He got a lot of doors slammed in his face, but usually at least one home owner in 15 would give him the job.

"I was just persistent," Hansen said.

"I call him a walking lemonade stand," Nolff says. "He will work a whole day for 70 cents an hour because that's all he can get. That's the difference between him and some of my other clients. At least he will go door-to-door. I just hope he has hit bottom enough so that we won't have to go through this again."

Hansen swears he is a changed man. He knows he has a lot of work to do. But it will all be worth it if he's reunited with his son, he says. That's what keeps him going.

"I've told him about the drugs and that I'm sorry I've put him in the position he's in," Hansen said. "I am going to be a good daddy. He is very aware that he was homeless. No one is proud of being homeless, but I don't try to avoid the issue. I am very mindful of it so that it doesn't occur again."



Doug Hansen visits a homeless encampment under a highway overpass. Once homeless himself, Hansen described this particular camp as "clean" by homeless standards.



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